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SUBJECT: KY-SPONSORED NATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 1 AND ABORTED AN QUANG PRESS CONFERENCE: FURTHER NOTES

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1. REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER DISPATCH OF REFTEL INDICATE POLICE DID NOT POSITIVELY BAR PEOPLE FROM ATTENDING "NATIONAL MEETING" AS INDICATED PARA 2 REFTEL. EYEWITNESSES NOTED THAT WHEREAS SOME PEOPLE EVIDENTLY INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE TURNED AWAY WHEN THEY SAW THE POLICE LINES, OTHERS WHO STEPPED FORWARD AND REQUESTED ADMITTANCE WERE ALLOWED TO PASS.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, PARTICIPANTS IN THE INCIDENT AT THE AN QUANG PAGODA LATER THE SAME DAY, INSIST THAT THE POLICE TEAR GASSING WHICH EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED THE PROPOSED PRESS CONFERENCE WAS UNPROVOKED. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN THE AREA. (AS REPORTED IN OTHER CHANNELS.)

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3. OCTOBER 2, UP TO NIGHTFALL, HAS BEEN GENERALLY QUIET IN SAIGON, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME FIRE BOMBINGS IN NEARBY GIA DINH (NO SHOOTING BY POLICE WAS REPORTED).
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